



SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 8, 1908.

THE BIG Government Printing Office is at present in the limelight, and while not called upon to give an opinion on the alleged conditions in that institution, it may be observed that some charges are urged which call for close investigation. It is said that the audit system, which is the corporate name of the cost-accounting method which was installed more than a year ago, has cost the government \$120,000 for the privilege of calculating the cost of government printing and binding. It is also alleged that it has cost the government \$50 to turn out a job which commercial houses would do for \$15; also that 45 cents a pound has been paid for quantities of ink worth less than 20 cents a pound. The Philadelphia Record, in commenting upon the allegations, says that the methods of government printing offices have not changed much since James Russell Lowell wrote in "The Pious Editor's Creed":

And withered be the nose that pokes
Inter the Gov't must print."

The Government Printing Office in Washington is an enormously expensive establishment, because Congress fixes the rates of pay and the hours of labor in accordance with the demands of the employees and their associates in the trades unions and because the office is filled up with the retainers and henchmen of Congressmen. The office is run with a strict regard for politics and only incidental consideration for business. Many years ago it was charged that enormous quantities of type of an inferior make were purchased for the Government Printing Office. The material was, of course, unsatisfactory, but it subsequently developed that it had been procured from a certain foundry upon the recommendation of a man who at that time was one of the leaders of the political party in power.

A good idea of the change in public sentiment regarding the 2-cent fare law may be got from the action of the Kansas special session. The lower house last year passed a 2-cent bill, but it was beaten in the Senate. This year the Senate, apparently to exculpate itself from blame, passed a 2-cent bill and sent it to the assembly, where the committee on railroads killed it by a vote of 16 to 1. The committee handed down a report in which it said:

On account of the conditions now prevailing and the straits that have come to large borrowers like the railroads, this bill, while adding nothing to the good of the people or to the State, would be in effect an injury to the credit and finances of the railroads. These railroads are large interests, and the employees of these roads, whose wages are threatened, should be considered, and, as no good would be accomplished, we believe they should not be subject to the loss which such impairment of financial standing might bring.

ANGING that the State has a right to know how the money of churches is expended, Bev. J. B. Swayer, of the Point Brez church, near Philadelphia, has announced his intention of urging the next Legislature of Pennsylvania to pass a law making it obligatory for churches to state how much money is received and expended each year. "As things stand," said Mr. Swayer, "church finances are loosely handled, and few, even of those in authority, know exactly how the money is spent. Churches are taxed, and this throws a heavy burden on other real estate. I know of no other class of property better able to pay taxes. I don't see why a single member of a parish should want for the necessities of life while his church is worth thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands."

AFTER throwing her newly-born baby from a second-story window into a snow pile, where it was found alive and well by a neighbor boy, Frieda Schwanfeldt, of Philadelphia, told a pathetic story yesterday to the police of that city to the effect that she had been led astray under duress by the foreman of the factory where she worked. The parents of the young woman cast her off after her confession and urged the police to imprison her for attempting to kill the child. The girl declared that she went to the wife of the man who was responsible for her downfall and pleaded for assistance, but was only threatened with arrest.

SENATOR SCOTT, of West Virginia, announces himself as a stand-patter who is opposed to revision of the tariff now or any other time, before or after the next presidential election. The West Virginia Senator deserves credit at any rate for the frankness with which he blurted out what so many of his republican associates are trying to conceal. There is no doubt, however, that most of them are in silent accord with him, and will be with him when the time comes for action in Congress.

As a result of the conference at Cleveland between the President of the United States Steel Corporation and leading

iron ore and shipping interests, it has been decided to limit the production of the ore mines in the Lake Superior district the coming season, but to hold the price steady.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., February 8.

They call themselves the "allies" now. That is the name adopted by the boomers of Knox, Fairbanks, Cannon and Hughes for the presidential nomination. Out of the mass of conflicting reports from the republican state convention at St. Augustine, Fla., on Thursday, one fact stands forth—that there has been set on foot a well-defined, well planned combination among the boomers of the favorite sons to carry their war in to what has hitherto been tagged Taft territory. The result of the first skirmish is in doubt. "Allies" captured Florida regular state convention. Officers held out. Two sets of delegates in state and congressional conventions. Thus reads a message received by one of the Fairbanks managers here. The Taft folks continue to claim that theirs was the only real convention, and that it was the anti-Taft men who bolted. According to press reports, both conventions were held in the same hall at the same time. It will be left for the republican national committee and the committee on credentials of the national convention to unravel the tangle. There will be similar action in a large number of States. As the national committee makes up the temporary rolls for the convention, both "allies" and "Tafties" have begun to work on the national committee men. Representative Burton, chief Taft boomer in Washington, is out in a statement claiming that 20 of the committee men are already pledged to Taft, while 26 are doubtful. He concedes only eight to the "opposition." The "allies" went about their work in the South very systematically. Each of the anti-Taft candidates had men on the ground days before the Florida convention met. These men labored shoulder to shoulder, and even if their convention should not be held to be the legal one, they certainly did succeed in stirring up a lively noise, and one that in the view of Washington politicians generally, is bound to have its effect on other southern States. The plan of the "allies" is to have each of the State conventions, outside of the favorite son States, send unintrusted delegations to Chicago. From now on, it is the field against Taft.

Reports from Chicago that President Roosevelt may attend the Republican National Convention there in June, are viewed among political leaders here merely as the astute work of the "barker," paving the way for a later announcement of the many attractions that may be seen "in the big tent," and thus aid in the return to hotel men of the bonus they subscribed to secure the great assemblage. That William H. Taft will be "among those present," there is little doubt. He will likely have resigned his cabinet post before that time. But not even the veriest Tory in presidential statecraft here will stand sponsor for the suggestion of a possibility that Roosevelt could be induced to take personal command of the administration forces although it is admitted on all sides that as a precedent breaker and precedent maker, he occupies the highest pinnacle. No President has ever attended a national convention, although a man nominated for that high office has been present at the time. Roosevelt was at the Philadelphia convention that selected him as McKinley's running mate, but he was then Governor of New York, and was forced into the vice presidency against his will. That the President will be a potent factor in the convention is no question. He will be there in spirit but not in the flesh.

Neither house of Congress was in session today.

John Junghin, 15 years old, of 3723 Brightwood ave., was accidentally shot by his brother Michael, 8 years old, this morning. It is not known how serious his condition is.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

Thomas Mills, of Eminence, Ind., is dead and Emory Cassell, of Indianapolis, is dying as the result of a mysterious tragedy which occurred between 8 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Cassell and his wife are visiting at the home of Mrs. Cassell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Modrell, and the two men started at 8 o'clock yesterday morning in a buggy for Mill Grove, in Owen county, to visit a brother of Mr. Cassell. After passing through Quincy the horse turned and came back. In the buggy was the dead body of Mills, while Cassell was unconscious.

Relatives of the two men and the officers immediately began an investigation, and they traced the buggy to Quincy, where the road gave evidence of there having been a fight. Cassell became conscious for a few moments after his arrival in town and said in incoherent sentences, as it is alleged, that he and his friend had been beaten over the head and robbed. Both men were taken to the office of the coroner, where Cassell's death is expected at any time.

Mills was sixty-nine years old, and was one of the most highly respected farmers in Adams Township. Cassell is forty-five years old.

MORSE HEARD FROM.

When the Cunard line steamer Campania reached Queenstown last night, Charles W. Morse, of New York, was in the smoking room enjoying a game of cards.

Without a moment's hesitation, Mr. Morse granted an interview. He was shown extracts from London papers, referring to him as having fled from his creditors. Mr. Morse said there was absolutely nothing in these reports, and that they were "New York sensationalism." He added that he had sent cable dispatches to New York concerning his position, and would rectify matters when he returned there.

He was traveling partly on business and partly for pleasure, for a week or two days, he said. Asked where he proposed to go, after he landed at Liverpool, Mr. Morse hesitated to be excused from replying.

"You can say with certainty," said "that my stay will not exceed ten days on this side, and that then I will return to New York."

Mr. Morse proceeded from Queenstown to Liverpool on board the Campania. He is traveling under the name of C. M. Moore.

News of the Day.

Representative John Sharp Williams yesterday introduced a currency bill in the House embodying the views of the minority.

Miss Harriet Baird Huey, regent of the Philadelphia Chapter, D. A. R., committed suicide on Thursday by inhaling gas.

First Assistant Postmaster-General F. R. Hitchcock has resigned to manage Secretary Taft's campaign for the republican presidential nomination.

Charles W. Morse, who arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, yesterday, denies that he fled from his creditors and says he will return to New York in 10 days.

The private car independence in which J. Pierpont Morgan and his friends are traveling on their way to Los Angeles, was entered and robbed last night by a sneak thief. The booty is said to be \$5,000 in jewelry and money.

The joint caucus of republican Senators and members of the House, which was held in the chamber of the House of Representatives last night, elected the members of their congressional campaign committee. Mr. Bascomb Sleep is the Virginia member.

With a party of thirty on board a motor car made the initial trip over the route of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway yesterday. Scientists, civil engineers, railroad officials and newspaper men were the passengers. A mile a minute was attained at times.

Chicago will remain "wet" for another year. Anti-saloon forces, which have been trying for several weeks to secure enough names to petitions to have the saloon question decided at the next election, lost 5,000 names at midnight last night, the expiration of the time limit of sixty days prior to the election.

Night riders fired a barn belonging to Neil Lawrence, near Sadersville, Ky., on Thursday night. Lawrence was wounded and his tobacco dynamited. Wash Fletcher's farm was also visited. One barn filled with tobacco and owned by a tenant was destroyed. Monroe Lowe, another tenant, was taken out and beaten severely.

To save Architect Joseph M. Houston and himself from the charge of conspiracy to cheat and defraud the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the furnishing of the new Capitol, assistant architect Stanford B. Lewis, yesterday, as a witness for the prosecution, swore that he and Houston had made false and misleading written replies to the inquiries of Attorney General Hampton L. Carson, in January, 1907, as to the certification of millions of dollars' worth of goods.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Indian Laws, wife of Joseph Laws died at her home near Callet, on Monday.

The University of Virginia basketball team defeated George Washington last night, in a rather slow game at Convention Hall in Washington by 22 to 10.

Mrs. Susan E. Johnson, 45 years old, wife of Dr. J. C. Johnson, died at Richmond yesterday of pneumonia. Mrs. Johnson was a Miss Hume, of Washington, and a sister of the late Frank Hume.

Mrs. Malinda King Anderson, who was popularly known as "the mother of Bristol," for the reason that her husband, the late Joseph R. Anderson, founded the city, in 1833, died yesterday. She was 87 years old.

Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, wife of John E. Hawkins, died at her home, near Boyce, on Thursday, aged 81 years. Mrs. Hawkins was a daughter of the late Harrison Bayless, of Frederick county. Eleven children survive her.

The Lynchburg common council yesterday adopted an ordinance fixing the liquor license for the coming year at \$1,500 an increase of \$700. This is the highest license in Virginia, and there is no doubt that it will become a law and that from ten to fifteen saloons of the thirty-three will be closed by its operation.

Mr. Richard Hughtell Bryan, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Stafford county, died yesterday morning, of general debility, at his home at Stafford C. H. He had the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens during his long and honored career and his demise will be mourned by his relations and many friends.

The jury in the case of Roy Hale, charged with the murder of Irby Davis, and tried in the circuit court at Jonesboro, Tenn., yesterday, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree and fixed Hale's punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary. Hale admitted on the stand that he killed Davis, but claimed that he acted in self-defense.

Thomas Archer, the negro charged with the murder, September 10 last, of Mrs. Mary Lawless Rorschach, wife of Lieut. Frank Rorschach, U. S. N., was dismissed yesterday by the Portsmouth grand jury, the Commonwealth having failed to produce any evidence against him that would justify an indictment. Archer had remained in jail several weeks before being admitted to bail. The police have completely failed in unraveling the mystery surrounding Mrs. Rorschach's death.

WANTS LARGER NAVY.

Gen. J. Franklin Bell, the ranking head of the army in Washington and chief of the general staff, appeared before the House committee on naval affairs yesterday afternoon.

For three hours he discussed the alleged needs of a larger navy in relation to the Pacific coast fortifications and defense. The fortification of Subig bay, near Manila, and the need of a drydock at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, were considered.

A bill appropriating \$200,000 for the commencement of the latter project has been introduced.

Next Monday the committee will vote on the navy appropriation bill. The vote will decide whether the committee shall recommend the construction of four battleships, as urged by the President and Secretary of the Navy, or cut down that estimate by one-half, in line with the policy of retrenchment favored by republican leaders in the House.

The Navy Department yesterday sent to the House supplemental estimates to the \$1,120,000 calling for an appropriation.

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The Legislature.

SENATE.

In the Senate yesterday on motion of Senator Luster, the bill authorizing the working of more convicts on the public highways of the State, was taken up out of its order and passed. The bill authorizes the employment of the necessary guards, not to exceed forty-five, to manage such forces.

Senator Garrett, chairman of the committee on agriculture and mining, reported favorably the bill fixing the respective duties of the Board of Agriculture and the Commissioner.

The Senate committee on finance reported the social club bill, which puts all clubs on the same footing as saloons and prohibits the sale, furnishing or giving away of liquors on the Sabbath. The bill was put on the calendar and it will be fought out on the floor.

By a vote of 85 to 2, the Senate yesterday afternoon passed the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac repeal bill, giving other railroads the right to parallel this line. Mr. Hobbs introduced a bill to prevent the use of any but safety matches in the State.

HOUSE.

In the House Mr. Raw called up his resolution proposing an amendment to section 110 of the constitution, providing for popular election of commissioners of the revenue, and allowing them to succeed themselves in office. The bill was passed. If the senate adopts the resolution, the matter will be submitted to a vote of the people, their action to be ratified by the general assembly in 1910. The question of the election of county treasurers was not considered yesterday.

A bill was presented by Mr. Jennings, proposing to appropriate \$250 to the Johnson's Island cemetery commission of Ohio, for the purpose of caring for the graves of Virginia soldiers buried there.

Messrs. Old and Cooke, jointly, offered a bill to exempt the cities of the State from liability for injuries caused by or through any defect in any street, sidewalk or any other public place, with certain exceptions where injuries are caused by the failure on the part of the city officials to leave construction work unguarded.

Mr. Montague introduced a bill prescribing when a clergyman or other minister of any religion, or a physician or surgeon, shall not be allowed to testify.

Beginning Monday the House will hold two daily sessions, morning and afternoon, and contrary to present order, Senate bills will not be given precedent. It is now seems practically assured, the House committee on courts of justice recommends the investigation of charges against Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of the eleventh judicial circuit, it will mean either an extended session or an extra session of the general assembly.

THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

Announcement was made yesterday afternoon that William S. Rossiter is under suspension as setting public printer. Mr. Rossiter visited the Treasury Department in the afternoon. The officials there declined to approve his bond, on the ground that the President had exceeded his authority in appointing Mr. Rossiter temporary public printer. The Treasury Department officials say that under the law Capt. H. T. Brian, deputy public printer, succeeds to the vacancy caused by the suspension of Mr. Rossiter.

It is said Mr. Rossiter stepped aside, and Capt. Brian took charge of the Government Printing Office. It is also said that Mr. Rossiter will continue the investigation of the office as the personal representative of the President.

The President has selected three department experts to assist Mr. Rossiter in his investigation of conditions at the Government Printing Office. The purchase of supplies for the printer will give particular attention by the probers. Deputy Public Printer H. T. Brian becomes nominally acting Public Printer but remains under the authority of Mr. Rossiter, the President's personal representative and chief investigator.

Heads of the deposed audit system vacate their offices at the printing and Government Printing Office officials assume control.

Chief Investigator Rossiter continues his exhaustive study of conditions in the printing office.

TURNED OVER ON BRIDGE.

Passengers in the rear coach of the Winchester accommodation on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which left Baltimore at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning, had an alarming experience when the train reached Frederick Junction, the car leaving the track and turning over on its side on the bridge across the Monocacy river at that point.

The accident was caused by a carping in a switch, supposed to have dropped from a freight train which crossed the bridge earlier. The engine, baggage car and first coach of the passenger train got by safely, but the wheels of the rear coach struck the carping and the coach was derailed. As it left the rails the conductor, who was in the coach, jerked the signal cord for the engineer to stop, and the train, which was moving slowly, was brought to a standstill almost as soon as the car turned over on its side upon the bridge.

The car fell toward the middle of the bridge and broke the plank flooring between the two tracks, but was kept from falling through into the river by the heavy ties and rails of the eastbound track. There were 15 or 20 passengers in the car, including a number of ladies. All of them were badly shaken up, but nobody was seriously hurt.

SCARCITY OF WORK FOR WOMEN.

Never in the history of the woman's trade union league has it been as difficult for women to secure work as today, according to Miss Helen Marot, secretary of that organization in New York. While the thousands of men thrown out of employment by the recent financial flurry and consequent closing down or curtailment of numerous business enterprises have found it difficult to find other work, their task has been nothing compared to that of women workers thrown out of work for the same reason.

Kennedy's Legative Cough Syrup acts promptly on the bronchial tubes. It stops the coughing and soothes the throat and lungs. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Midgets to Hang.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 8.—Governor Swanson, after having the Midgets case under advisement for three weeks, has refused to take further action in the matter. Midgets will, therefore, be hanged on Friday next.

The Investigations.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 8.—The House committee on courts of justice this morning reported that it is inexpedient to hear the charges against Circuit Judge Blackstone at this session, and recommended a special session of the legislature. It is entirely probable that the majority of the Rhea investigating committee will recommend confirmation of Judge Rhea in spite of the evidence, but it is probable also that there will be a minority report against confirmation. The public generally anticipates a whitewash by the legislature.

Funerary Services of King Carlos and the Crown Prince.

Lisbon, Feb. 8.—Funeral services for Carlos and his son, Crown Prince Luiz Philippe, were held at St. Vincent's Cathedral today with all the imposing ceremonial of the Catholic Church.

The diplomatic corps, the court officials, representatives from every country in Europe, all the leading residents of Lisbon and a vast throng of humbler Portuguese assembled first at the Necessidades Palace whence the remains of the murdered sovereign and his son were taken in magnificent funeral cars to the cathedral.

Double rows of troops kept back the crowds which packed the thoroughfares and a strong detachment of police preceded the cortege. There were no signs of a disturbance, however, only what was evidently the sincerest mourning.

Carrriages of the Portuguese and foreign dignitaries followed first behind the hearse and behind them marched thousands of the populace on foot. King Manuel and the widowed Queen Amelia remained away from the services, however, in accordance with the Portuguese custom, which makes it at least unusual for wives or children to attend the funerals of their husbands or fathers.

The remains of the king and his son were enclosed in glass covered caskets, the former so heavy that twenty-four men were needed to carry it from the Necessidades Palace Chapel to the funeral car and again to the Cathedral altar. The Crown Prince's face was covered by the Portuguese flag to conceal the ghastly wounds inflicted by his assassins.

Beginning this afternoon the two bodies will lie in state for three days before their burial.

Fleet in the Straits.

Punta Arenas, Feb. 8.—Headed by the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco the United States squadron steamed from port at 11 last night and at dawn today doubtless rounded Cape Horn, the southernmost point of the South American mainland and into the narrow reaches of the 150-mile channel to Cape Horn. It is expected they will have finished the voyage through the strait by tonight. There the battleship squadron and the torpedo boat flotilla will part company, the former taking to the open sea; the latter to the inside channel to the northward. The Chilean cruisers Ministro Seneto and Esmeralda, with five torpedo boat destroyers, will join the battleships off Valparaiso and escort them as far as Valparaiso.

One of Admiral Evans's last acts before his departure was the dispatch of a letter by United States minister Hicks to the Chilean government, expressing his thanks for the visitors' royal entertainment at Punta Arenas, regretting that his schedule will not permit him to make another stop short of Callao, Peru, and promising to pass close enough to Valparaiso to exchange salutes with the shore batteries. Admiral Evans, though much better, has not yet fully recovered from his attack of rheumatism and was still confined to his cabin when the squadron sailed.

Hargis, the Patriotic.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 8.—Beech Hargis is today crying in acient misery. Fear is tugging at his heart, yet he has not shown remorse for shooting to death his friend, Judge James Hargis. The young patriots choked before Judge Talbue in the court room when he was arraigned for his preliminary examination and was unable to speak. He looked around the crowd, all of whom he knew, for a friendly recognition. No one gave him a pleasant greeting. The judge remanded him to jail without bond. No one will be allowed to see him. Young Hargis will plead self defense. He will swear that his father choked him to his knees, and then he pulled his gun and fired the fatal shots. Witnesses in the store swear that the father was approaching the lad when he was murdered.

Young Hargis was led to his father's coffin today. When he gazed through the tiny glass opening of the casket, he gasped. There a shudder shook his body. It was the first sign of remorse since the tragedy. He dropped to his knees and uttered in evident grief and sorrow: "Lord have mercy." His mother came into the room and fell by his side and she, too, uttered untold grief.

Judge Hargis was buried today beside the bodies of his father and three brothers. His three brothers died from bullet wounds.

China Ignores Japan's Demand.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—Japan is determined to make an issue of the seizure by Chinese customs officials of the Japanese steamship Satsuma Maru II. The government: complied today with the owners' request for a protest to Pekin and the manner in which the Tokio representations were ignored has aroused the liveliest anger here.

It is conceded that the vessel carried arms and ammunition, but the owners point out that, being consigned to Portuguese officials, China was without justification in assuming them to be intended for revolutionists.

The Chinese, asserting that there is no question about the shipment's destination, have transferred the ship from the point where it was seized, off Macao, to Canton. It is guarded by a cruiser and three gunboats.

What To Do When Bilious.

The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price, 25 cents. Sample free at W. F. Creighton & Co. and Richard Gibson's drug stores.

Murder and Suicide.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Because his father found fault with him for his failure to get steady employment, Mitchell Williams, aged 23, shot and killed his father, John Williams, aged 63, then turned the weapon on himself and in the presence of his mother and six-year-old brother fired a bullet into his own head. The father died before reaching the hospital. The son died early today. The mother reproved his son for not getting something to do to help the family. The two had some words and Mrs. Williams, who was standing by, tried to prevent trouble. As the young man pointed the revolver at his parent the latter lunged and reached out to grasp the barrel with his teeth saying: "I am your father. Shoot me if you are." "I'll shoot," he replied, "I'll shoot," he replied the son, at the same time firing two shots. Then he turned the gun on himself.

Decline in Prices.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Prices of commodities have undergone such reductions during the week that commission merchants regard the period as unprecedented in commercial history. Cheese dealers report spectacular tumbles in value. Meats have not been as much affected as other commodities, but they have declined about 15 per cent. Eggs and poultry have cheapened generally in the ratio of eggs, prices having declined from 45 to 30 cents a dozen to the consumer. Sugar is sold at 64 cents retail, with a promised decline to 61 cents, compared with 62 cents a month ago. Butter in fancy grades commands 32 to 38 cents retail, although cheaper grades shade down to 23 to 25. The biggest tumble has been in the price of clothing.

Triple Murder.

London, Feb. 8.—Frederick Holmes, a millionaire, his wife, his daughter and their two women servants have just been found dead of bullet wounds. The police think there is no doubt they were murdered, but they are completely at a loss as to the assassin's identity or motive. Holmes's corpse was found first in a wood near his up-river manor near Henley. It was when it was carried to the house that the extent of the tragedy was discovered. The women had been shot through the head apparently as they slept. Holmes's wound was such that it is believed impossible that he could have slain the members of his house and taken his own life. The dead man was a brewery director and well known in London business circles.

Bloodhounds After Murderer.

Quincy, Ill., Feb. 8.—Bloodhounds from Indianapolis were today put on the trail of the murderers of Thomas Mills, rich stock raiser. The murder occurred while Mills was driving in a buggy with his friend, Emory Cassell. Cassell was brutally assaulted and Mills was shot. The first theory advanced was that of robbery. It was supposed highwaymen had attacked the two men and made away with \$600, which Mills had. This theory was disposed of when the money was found in Mills pocket.

Jumped Track on Bridge.

Belleville, Mich., Feb. 8.—While running thirty miles a hour, Wabash train No. 5, the fast New York-Chicago passenger train, left the track on a bridge near here early today. A spreading rail derailed all the coaches. Only the guard rails saved the coaches from going into the Huron river, which is forty feet deep at this point. The frightened passengers hustled out of the Pullmans in their night clothes in the below-zero weather, but were soon calmed.

Assaulted and Robbed.

New York, Feb. 8.—Lying at his home today Frederick R. Page, 65 years of age, a wealthy contractor in Harlem, is in a precarious condition as the result of being assaulted, robbed and left to die by hold-up men. Page, after visiting friends was on his way home when attacked by three men. They demanded money and when he refused he was hit over the head with a black jack and brass knuckles were used on him. The robbers secured his watch and chain, a diamond pin and \$8 in cash.

Fire in Hotel.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 8.—Fire of mysterious origin today gutted the four story hotel Galliard here. All the guests escaped unhurt although several had narrow escapes. In the panic that followed discovery of the flames many of the guests jumped from upper windows or came down rope fire escapes. Members of the "Peter Pan" company which played here last night were among the burned out victims.

Morse to Return.

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Charles W. Morse sailed for New York on the liner Etruria this afternoon. At Queenstown he announced that he would remain a week in England. Arriving here on the Campania today he said, however, that he had received a message concerning his business affairs, which had decided him to leave immediately for home. He refused to discuss the nature of the information he had received.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Feb. 8.—The market was heavy from the start with aggressive bear selling coupled with liquidation by tired holders, causing declines in almost everything traded in during the first hour. Many stocks sold at the lowest reached so far this year and there was an entire absence of any outside speculative interest, leaving the wholly in the hands of bear operators. The declines for two hours were not so extensive as to be of importance.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.) "Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary cold will become severe if neglected, and a well-become severe cold is the germ of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at the season of the year is the neglected cold." Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment when it is given. For sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

WAR CLAIMS.

The House yesterday passed an omnibus claim bill in payment of stores and supplies furnished to the army of the United States during the civil war. The total amount of the bill was \$315,545, of which the claims in Virginia amounted to \$27,300.

It was announced on the floor of the House yesterday that if the Senate pursued its usual course with the present bill it would be defeated. In the bill are the following claims in Virginia:

Francis M. Brabham, of Loudoun county, \$500; Solomon P. Brockway, of Augusta county, \$22 64; Francis